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SOURCE : WELL INFORMED SID FUNCTIONARY (B)

SUBJECT : REASONS FOR DOB STRIKE

1. THE DOB'S CLAIM FOR A STRIKE AND THE MILITANT STATEMENTS WHICH IT ISSUED AFTER THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON 16 JANUARY 1955 RESULTED FROM A REPORT CONCERNING A SECRET DOCUMENT WHICH APPEARED TO INDICATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT PLANNED TO POSTPONE THE EXPANSION OF THE COINTEGRATION LAW AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO REVERSE SOME OF THE EXISTING LEGISLATION ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. PREVIOUSLY, AT A JOINT MEETING WITH THE SID EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON 15 JANUARY, THE SPT MEMBERS OF THE DOB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAD AGAIN REFUSED TO TRY TO INDUCE THE DOB COMMITTEE TO VOTE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SID CAMPAIGN AGAINST REARMAMENT. ON THE AFTERNOON OF 16 JANUARY, UPPH FRICH-KLEINERHAGEN'S RETURN FROM OSLO, WISJUTIN WELLDY AND FRITS WELKE REPORTED TO HIM THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DOB SEEMED TO HAVE FINALLY FAILED. THAT EVENING WELLDY PRIVATELY TOLD A GROUP OF SID LEADERS THAT HE WAS GLOOMY ABOUT THE OUTLOOK FOR

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BROADENING THE BASE OF THE CAMPAIGN, AND ADDED THAT THE MOST THEY COULD GET WAS THAT WALTER FREITAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE DOB, HAS AGREED TO ADDRESS A RALLY WITH OLIVIERA ON 29 JANUARY IN SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH IN FRANKFURT. (SOURCE COMMENT: THE FEDERAL LEADERSHIP OF THE DOB HAS STILL NOT OFFICIALLY COMMITTED THE DOB TO THE SPD CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE PARIS AGREEMENTS. THE SPD, HOWEVER, IS DOING ITS UTMOST TO OBTAIN SUCH A COMMITMENT OR AT LEAST MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THE COMMITMENT EXISTS.)

3. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, (DR) VIKTOR SCARTE (FIELD COMMENT: SCARTE IS A MEMBER OF THE SPD COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS AND ALSO DIRECTOR OF THE DOB INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC SCIENCE. HE IS AN ARDENT AGITATOR AND A STRONG OPPOSER OF THIS ENTERPRISE.) GAVE THE FULL DRAFTING OF THE DOB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (IN THE ABSENCE OF FREITAS, WHO WAS ILL), A DOCUMENT WHICH HE SAID WAS A RECENT MEMORANDUM OF THE ECONOMIC MINISTRY, PREPARED FOR (DR) LUDWIG ERHARD TO GIVE TO THE CABINET. THE MEMORANDUM ALLEGED THAT FRENCH AND ITALIAN INDUSTRIALISTS HAVE WARNED THAT THE GROWING INTEGRATION OF EUROPEAN INDUSTRY, THROUGH THE SCHUMAN PLAN AND THE PROPOSALS FOR AN ARMS POOL, MEANS THAT AN EXTENSION OF COOPERATION IN WEST GERMANY WILL BRING SIMILAR RESULTS IN FRANCE AND ITALY, WITH POSSIBLY DISASTROUS RESULTS IN VIEW OF THE COEXIST

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INFLUENCE IN THE UNIONS IN THESE COUNTRIES. REHARD ASKED THE CABINET, FOR THE
SAKE OF HIS PORTION NEGOTIATIONS, TO PREVENT ANY EXPANSION OF CONTERMINATION.

4. ATTACHED TO REHARD'S REPORT WAS A PROPOSAL FOR CONFINEMENT TACTICS,
WHICH SUGGESTED THAT THE EXISTING CONTERMINATION LAWS SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO
REDUCE THE DEGREE OF CONTERMINATION. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT AFTER THE
LATEST WINNERS, WHO ARE ASSUMED TO BE THE MOST RADICAL MEMBERS OF THE UNIONS,
HAVE BEEN KEPT FROM UNION ACTIVITY BY CONSCRIPTION, THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE
ABLE TO GET THROUGH THE REPEAL OF SOME CLAUSES IN THE LAWS WITHOUT TOO MUCH
OPPOSITION FROM THE UNIONS, BY PROMISING THE OLDER WORKERS HIGHER PAY AND
PROFIT-SHARING.

5. AS OF 19 JANUARY THE LEADERS OF THE SPD WENT WITHOUT INFORMATION ON
THE DETAILS OF A MASS MOVEMENT CALLED "VOLKSHEMUNG DER WIEDERBEWEINUNG
DEUTSCHLAND", LAUNCHED BY ADOLF KUNERHUS, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC-SERVICE
AND TRANSPORT WORKERS' UNION. THEY WERE INCLINED TO BE RESERVIST OF THIS
UNCOORDINATED M V, WHICH THEY FEEL DUPLICATES EFFORTS ALREADY UNDER WAY.
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